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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2011-0851; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASW-10]**

#### **Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ardmore, OK**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class E airspace for Ardmore, OK. Decommissioning of the Arbuckle non-directional beacon (NDB) and cancellation of the NDB Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) at Ardmore Municipal Airport, Ardmore, OK, as well as the addition of new area navigation (RNAV) SIAPs, has made this action necessary to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at the airport. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of the airport.

**DATES:** Effective date: 0901 UTC, February 9, 2012. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **History**

On August 26, 2011, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Class E airspace for Ardmore, OK, reconfiguring controlled

airspace at Ardmore Municipal Airport (76 FR 53355) Docket No. FAA-2011-0851.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9V dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for the Ardmore, OK area. Decommissioning of the Arbuckle NDB and cancellation of the NDB approach at Ardmore Municipal Airport, as well as the creation of new RNAV standard instrument approach procedures, has made reconfiguration of the airspace necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. Also, this action updates the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule,

when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Ardmore Municipal Airport, Ardmore, OK.

#### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air)

#### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E. O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

## § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6004: Class E Airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D surface area.

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### **ASW OK E4 Ardmore, OK [Amended]**

Ardmore Municipal Airport, OK  
(lat. 34°18'15"N., long. 97°01'14"W.)  
Ardmore VORTAC  
(lat. 34°12'42"N., long. 97°10'06"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.3 miles each side of the Ardmore VORTAC 056° radial extending from the 4.2-mile radius of Ardmore Municipal Airport to 8.5 miles southwest of the airport, and within 1 mile each side of the 315° bearing from Ardmore Municipal Airport extending from the 4.2-mile radius of the airport to 5.3 miles northwest of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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### **ASW OK E5 Ardmore, OK [Amended]**

Ardmore Municipal Airport, OK  
(lat. 34°18'15"N., long. 97°01'14"W.)  
Ardmore VORTAC  
(lat. 34°12'42"N., long. 97°10'06"W.)  
Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport, OK  
(lat. 34°08'49"N., long. 97°07'22"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of Ardmore Municipal Airport, and within 1.1 miles each side of the 315° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.8-mile radius to 6.9 miles northwest of the airport, and within a 6.5 mile radius of Ardmore Downtown Executive Airport, and within 8 miles west and 4 miles east of the 329° radial of the Ardmore VORTAC extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 16 miles northwest of the VORTAC.

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